



RACINGSA

Racing SA Lameness Scale

Racing SA provide notice of the following scale which will be used in assessing lameness. Due to the constraints of assessing lameness at racecourses and training stables, an objective lameness grading scale has been developed to allow a more consistent approach to assessing and reporting of lameness identified on race day. All lameness assessments performed by the on course Racing SA Veterinarian will be reported according to the scale detailed below: (A firm level surface is preferable for gait assessment)

- 1/5 - Mild inconsistent lameness is identifiable at a trot in a straight line.
- 2/5 - Mild/moderate but consistent lameness is identifiable at a trot in a straight line.
- 3/5 - Moderate/marked lameness is identifiable at a trot in a straight line, including but not limited to:
 - Pronounced head bob for forelimb lameness.
 - Pronounced hip hike for hindlimb lameness.
- 4/5 - Lameness is identifiable at the walk. Lameness observable at the walk.
- 5/5 - Non-weight bearing lameness.



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